

Below is a list of legislation from the 107th Congress that RSC Members intend to reintroduce in the 108th Congress. Bill numbers are those assigned in the 107th Congress, with the name of the Member who intends to reintroduce the bill in parentheses. This list is provided for informational purposes only and does not indicate a position of the RSC.

Agriculture

H.R. 3802 - Amends the Education Land Grant Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to pay environmental review costs with respect to conveyances under such Act. (J.D. Hayworth)

Abortion/Family Issues

A bill to require written notice be provided to parents at least five business days before contraceptive drugs and devices are distributed to their minor child. (Todd Akin) *Note: this bill was not introduced in the 107th Congress.*

H.R. 4783 - State's and Parental Rights Improvement Act: Authorizes States under Federal health care grant-in-aid programs to require parental consent or notification for purpose of purchase of prescription drugs or devices for minors. (Kevin Brady)

Defense/Military

H.Con.Res. 362 - Encourages employers who employ members of the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces to provide a pay differential benefit and an extension of employee benefits to such members while they serve on active duty, and commending employers who already provide such benefits. (Henry Brown)

H.R. 3183 - Military Widows Equity Act: Repeals certain provisions which require the offset of amounts paid in dependency and indemnity compensation from Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities for the surviving spouses of former military personnel who are entitled to military pay or who would be entitled to retired pay except for being under 60 years of age. (Henry Brown)

Education

H.R. 5033 - the D.C. Student Opportunity Scholarship Act: The bill authorizes a corporation to award tuition scholarships and enhanced achievement scholarships to District students in kindergarten through grade 12 with family incomes not exceeding 185 percent of the national poverty line. Allows scholarships to be used for tuition, fees, and

appropriate transportation to public, private, or independent schools (or beyond-school-hours enhancement programs) in the District and specified neighboring counties and cities in Maryland and Virginia. (Jeff Flake)

Energy/Environment

H.R. 5732 - Safe Highways and Roads Act of 2002: Amends the Clean Air Act regarding the conformity of transportation projects to implementation plans. (Kevin Brady)

H.R. 5821 - the Federally Declared Disaster Area Exemption Act: This legislation allows land management activities by specified Federal agencies, such as the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, undertaken in places the President has declared as major disaster areas to proceed without regard to certain provisions of law, including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the National Forest Management Act. Exempts such activities from the notice, comment, and appeal requirements of the Appeals Reform Act and from judicial review by any U.S. court for up to a two-year period ensuring the ability to quickly clean up after a disaster such as a wind storm, hurricane or forest fire. (Jeff Flake)

Government Reform

H.R. 99 - Open Competition and Fairness Act of 2001: Amends the National Labor Relations Act to prohibit discrimination against any bidder on a prime contract for a federally funded project on the basis of a requirement that such person enter into or adhere to a collective bargaining agreement or any similar agreement as a condition of performing work on such contract. (J.D. Hayworth)

H.R. 105 - Congressional Responsibility Act of 2001: Prohibits a regulation from taking effect before the enactment of a bill comprised solely of the text of the regulation. Requires an agency, whenever it promulgates a regulation, to submit to each House of Congress a report containing its text and an explanation. (J.D. Hayworth)

H.R. 2132 – Private Economy Protection Act: Expressly forbids the Treasury Department from investing surplus funds to purchase private securities. (Tom Reynolds)

H.R. 2373 - Federal Sunset Act: Provides for the periodic review of the efficiency and public need for Federal agencies, to establish a Commission for the purpose of reviewing the efficiency and public need of such agencies, and to provide for the abolishment of agencies for which a public need does not exist. (Kevin Brady)

Health Care

H.R. 3686 – the Informed Choice Act: Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to make grants to non-profit tax-exempt organizations for the purchase of ultrasound equipment. (Cliff Stearns)

International Relations/Immigration

H.R. 598 – Recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel: Prohibits the United States from operating a U.S. consulate in Jerusalem unless it is under the supervision of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel; Requires any official U.S. Government document which lists countries and their capital cities to identify Jerusalem as the capital of Israel; and declares that, for purposes of registration of birth, certification of nationality, or issuance of a passport of a U.S. citizen born in the city of Jerusalem, the Secretary of State shall, upon the citizen's (or the citizen's legal guardian's) request, record the place of birth as Israel. (Tom Reynolds)

H.R. 2155 - the Sober Borders Act: The bill would empower border inspectors to arrest arriving drunken drivers. Under the bill, inspectors would have the authority to detain impaired drivers at the border, give Breathalyzer tests and confiscate vehicles when necessary to ensure highway safety. (Jeff Flake)

H.R. 2877 - To require that United States assistance may be provided to the government of a foreign country only if a treaty of extradition between that country and the United States is in force, or the government of that country and the United States have entered into negotiations to conclude a treaty of extradition. (Kevin Brady)

H.R. 4043 - the Visa and License Integrity Act: H.R. 4043 encourages states to issue driver's licenses to temporary visitors that expire when their visas expire. In order to encourage compliance by states: after a certain date, driver's licenses or other comparable identification documents issued by a state will not be accepted by a federal agency for identification purposes unless the state is in compliance with the law. (Jeff Flake)

H.R. 5022 - the Freedom to Travel to Cuba Act: Repeals the travel ban to Cuba. (Jeff Flake)

Judiciary

H.J. Res. 106 - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States respecting real and virtual child pornography: Declares that neither the U.S. Constitution nor any State constitution shall be construed to protect child pornography (defined as visual depictions by any technological means of minor persons, whether actual or virtual, engaged in explicit sexual activity). (Henry Brown)

H.R. 1455 – States' Rights and Tenth Amendment Restoration Act of 2001: Amends the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 to repeal a specified provision (commonly referred to as the Lautenberg Amendment) establishing a gun ban for individuals convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. (Virgil Goode)

H.R. 2146 - Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act: To amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children. (Mark Green)

H.R. 3895 - Ten Commandments Defense Act of 2002: Declares reserved to the States the power to display the Ten Commandments on State or local government property. (Robert Aderholt)

H.R. 4679 - Lifetime Consequences for Sex Offenders Act of 2002: To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for sex offenders. (Mark Green)

Labor/Pensions

H.R. 3762 -To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional protections to participants and beneficiaries in individual account plans from excessive investment in employer securities and to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets, and to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit insider trades during any suspension of the ability of plan participants or beneficiaries to direct investment away from equity securities of the plan sponsor. (Sam Johnson)

H.R. 5373/5374 - To enhance notification to union members of their rights under the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959. (Sam Johnson)

Taxes

H.R. 804 – Federal Foundation Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2001: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the two percent excise tax on the net investment income of tax-exempt foundations. (Cliff Stearns)

H.R. 1127 – Health Care Tax Deduction Act of 2001: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow all individuals a deduction (not subject to the 7.5 percent medical deduction limitation) for amounts paid for qualifying health insurance and unreimbursed prescription drugs on behalf of the taxpayer, spouse, and dependents. (Cliff Stearns)

H.R. 1427 - the Clean Air Investment Act: Permits the issuance of tax-exempt bonds for certain air and water pollution control facilities. (Kevin Brady)

H.R. 1675 - to make permanent the current Internet Tax Moratorium, due to expire in November 2003. The one-page bill simply continues the current ban on taxing Internet access and prevents multiple or discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce transactions, so that online businesses do not have to bear greater burdens than have traditionally been applied offline. (Chris Cox)

H.R. 2076 - Residential Solar Energy Tax Credit Act: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a limited tax credit through tax year 2006 for residential solar energy property equal to the sum of: (1) 15 percent of the taxpayer's qualified photovoltaic property

expenditures during the taxable year; and (2) 15 percent of the taxpayer's qualified solar water heating property expenditures during the same year. (J.D. Hayworth)

H.R. 2357 – Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit churches and other houses of worship to engage in political campaigns. (Walter Jones)

H.R. 2683 - Sales Tax Equity Act of 2001: Ends discrimination in the federal tax code against taxpayers in states that don't have a personal income tax (like Texas and six others). Specifically, H.R. 2683 restores the sales tax deduction Congress eliminated in 1986 -- allowing taxpayers to deduct from their federal income tax either state sales tax or income taxes. To save paperwork, establishes an average sales tax deduction table based on filing status, number of dependents, adjusted gross income and rates of state and local general sales taxes. The deduction is indexed for inflation. (Kevin Brady)

H.R. 3050 - the Accelerated Tax Relief Act: H.R. 3050 would make effective, as of January 1, 2001, all of the individual income tax rate reductions passed earlier this year. Additionally, it would amend the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 to repeal the sunset of rate reductions. (Jeff Flake)

H.R. 4796 - to make inapplicable the 10 percent additional tax on early distributions from certain pension plans of public safety employees. (Kevin Brady)

H.R. 5193 - Back to School Tax Relief Act of 2002: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to permit a taxpayer whose adjusted gross income is \$20,000 or less (\$40,000 in the case of a joint return) to deduct annually up to \$3,000 in qualified elementary and secondary education expenses. Defines qualified elementary and secondary education expenses (includes home schooling and excludes room and board) and adjusted gross income. (Mark Souder/Tom Tancredo)

H.R. 5323 - the Investor Protection, Market Stabilization, and Tax Fairness Restoration Act: This bill ends the double taxation of dividends by providing shareholders with a credit for taxes paid at the corporate level. The bill may be altered slightly to ensure it correctly handles mutual funds and hybrid securities. (Chris Cox)

H.R. 5339 – Homeowner Refinance Fairness Act: Allow homeowners to deduct the entire interest on a refinance mortgage, up to \$1.1 million. Currently only the original acquisition indebtedness plus up to \$100,000 in home equity is deductible. (Tom Reynolds)

H.R. 5360 – Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of hearing aids. (Jim Ryun)

H.R. 5466 – Restoring Investor Confidence Act: Brings individual tax on dividends to the same level as capital gains, and simplifies taxation of both by providing a 55% exclusion from income. (Tom Reynolds)

H.R. 5706 - the Family Heritage Preservation Act: This bill makes Death Tax repeal immediate and permanent, effective 2003, avoiding the phase-out and future reintroduction of the Death tax that is making estate planning impossible. (Chris Cox)

Transportation

H.R. 5509 - United States Cruise Tourism Act: Permits the transportation of passengers between United States ports by certain foreign-flag vessels and encourages United States-flag vessels to participate in such transportation. (Henry Brown)